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SUBJECT: JOURNALIST CONVICTED ON HOSTILE PROPAGANDA CHARGE

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1. SEPTEMBER 17 "VECEK" OF MARIBOR AND SEPTEMBER 18 "DELO"
REPORT THAT JOURNALIST VIKTOR BLAZIC WAS SENTENCED ON SEPTEMBER 16
BY LJUBLJANA DISTRICT COURT TO TWO YEARS OF STRICT IMPRISON-
MENT FOR "HOSTILE PROPAGANDA" UNDER ARTICLE 18, PARAGRAPH 2
OF CRIMINAL CODE. BLAZIC HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN MAY (REFTTEL).
ARTICLE 118, PARAGRAPH 2 OF CRIMINAL CODE REFERS TO THOSE WHO
CARRY OUT HOSTILE PROPAGANDA "ASSISTED OR INFLUENCED FROM ABROAD."
ACCORDING TO "VECEK," BLAZIC FALSELY DESCRIBED SOCIAL-POLITICAL
SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA, "PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN
RELATIONS." "DELO" REPORTS THAT HE HAS BEEN RELEASED PENDING
APPEAL.

2. MEANWHILE, IN SPEECH AT KRANJ, POSSIBLY RELATED TO THE BLAZIC
CASE, FRANE POPIT, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF SLOVENIAN
LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS, ATTACKED THOSE OUTSIDE OF YUGOSLAVIA "WHO
PUSH PEOPLE INTO UNFRIENDLY AND UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES" AND LATER
USE THESE CASES TO "BLACKEN THE REPUTATION OF YUGOSLAVIA." POPIT
REPORTEDLY STATED THAT "SCRIBBLERS ARE OVERNIGHT TURNED INTO
GREAT WRITERS, AND GOOD-FOR-NOTHINGS INTO HEROES AND FIGHTERS

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